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October 1, 2024

The Honorable Ed Siskel
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Siskel:

In accordance with the requirements of the Presidential Records Act (PRA), as amended, 44 U.S.C. §§2201-2209, this letter constitutes a formal notice from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to the incumbent President of our intent to open Obama Presidential records in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and systematic processing project listed in Attachment A.

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We are also concurrently informing former President Obama's representatives, Anita Breckenridge, Bob Bauer, and Emily Blakemore of our intent to release these records. Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2208(a), NARA will release the records 60 working days from the date of this letter, which is December 30, 2024, unless the former or incumbent President requests a one-time extension of an additional 30 working days or asserts a constitutionally based privilege, in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2208(b)-(d). Please let us know if you are able to complete your review before the expiration of the 60 working day period. Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2208(a)(1)(B), we will make this notice available to the public on the NARA website.

If you have any questions relating to this notification, please contact me at (202) 357-5091 or NARA General Counsel, Gary M. Stern, at (301) 837-3026.

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22-23644-F	Emails that reference AIDS, HIV, and Haiti	5 assets	1 asset in part	4 assets in whole; 1 asset in part

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22-23740-F	Records that reference both the Sandy Hook school shooting and payments, compensation, consideration, or reparation	12 assets	5 assets in whole; 7 assets in part	7 assets in part

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22-27338-F	Emails sent by William Daily between January 13, 2011 and January 27, 2012 that include the terms "Ozone" or "Smog"	3 assets	0 assets	3 assets

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22-33811-F	Correspondence between Christy Goldfuss and the Center for American Progress, Wyss Foundation, Burger Action Fund, or Loreda	14 assets	5 assets in whole; 2 assets in part	7 assets in whole; 2 assets in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all emails, communications, or correspondence to/from "americanprogress.org," "americanprogressaction.org," "wyssfoundation.org," "wyssactionfund.org," "bergeractionfund.org," or "loreda.org" between February 1, 2015 to February 1, 2017 in the White House staff email account of Christy Goldfuss. The Barack Obama Presidential electronic records proposed for opening consist of email correspondence. The electronic records proposed for release are related to email correspondence of Christy Goldfuss that include news clippings, meeting requests, and the Center for American Progress reports. These electronic records are from the Email to Goldfuss and Email from Goldfuss Search and Access Sets. All of the material proposed for opening is unclassified.

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22-61294-F	Emails sent to or from President Obama pertaining to the Center for American Progress, the Wyss Foundation, the Berger Action Fund, or Loreda	22 assets	18 assets in whole	4 assets in whole

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24-40140-F	All videos and photographs containing Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr.	11 assets; 2 clips	4 assets in whole	7 assets, 2 clips in whole

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24-42532-F	Behind the scenes footage before President Obama began a taping session or interview	52 clips	18 clips in whole; 1 clip in part	31 clips in whole; 1 clip in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for behind the scenes footage before President Obama began a taping session or interview, such as any available footage of the President entering the room and preparing pre-filming. The request was narrowed to include all Weekly Address tapings from 2009 after correspondence with the requester. The Barack Obama Presidential Library audiovisual records proposed for opening in this segment includes footage of President Obama recording Weekly Addresses from January through April, 2009. These records are from the White House Communications Agency.

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24-00008-P	Behind the scenes footage before President Obama began a taping session or interview	108 assets	54 assets	54 assets

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22-33811-F	Correspondence between Christy Goldfuss and the Center for American Progress, Wyss Foundation, Burger Action Fund, or Loreda	14 assets	5 assets in whole; 2 assets in part	7 assets in whole; 2 assets in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all emails, communications, or correspondence to/from "americanprogress.org," "americanprogressaction.org," "wyssfoundation.org," "wyssactionfund.org," "bergeractionfund.org," or "loreda.org" between February 1, 2015 to February 1, 2017 in the White House staff email account of Christy Goldfuss. The Barack Obama Presidential electronic records proposed for opening consist of email correspondence. The electronic records proposed for release are related to email correspondence of Christy Goldfuss that include news clippings, meeting requests, and the Center for American Progress reports. These electronic records are from the Email to Goldfuss and Email from Goldfuss Search and Access Sets. All of the material proposed for opening is unclassified.

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22-61294-F	Emails sent to or from President Obama pertaining to the Center for American Progress, the Wyss Foundation, the Berger Action Fund, or Loreda	22 assets	18 assets in whole	4 assets in whole

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for emails sent to or from President Barack Obama pertaining to the Center for American Progress, the Wyss Foundation, the Berger Action Fund, or Loreda. Electronic records proposed for opening consist of email correspondence. The electronic records proposed for release are emails sent to or from President Obama that contain "Center for the terms American Progress" or "@americanprogress.org." These electronic records are from the Exchange Email - Presidential SIP_044 Search and Access Set.

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24-40140-F	All videos and photographs containing Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr.	11 assets; 2 clips	4 assets in whole	7 assets, 2 clips in whole

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all videos and photographs containing Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. The Barack Obama Presidential electronic records proposed for opening include photographs of President Barack Obama greeting Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Lawrence Bobo in the Blue Room during a U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit dinner on August 5, 2014. These materials are from the White House Photo System – Presidential Search and Access Set. Audiovisual records proposed for opening include video footage from the meeting between President Obama, Vice President Biden, Henry Louis Gates Jr., and James Crowley in the Rose Garden on July 30, 2009. These records are from the White House Communications Agency.

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24-42532-F	Behind the scenes footage before President Obama began a taping session or interview	52 clips	18 clips in whole; 1 clip in part	31 clips in whole; 1 clip in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for behind the scenes footage before President Obama began a taping session or interview, such as any available footage of the President entering the room and preparing pre-filming. The request was narrowed to include all Weekly Address tapings from 2009 after correspondence with the requester. The Barack Obama Presidential Library audiovisual records proposed for opening in this segment includes footage of President Obama recording Weekly Addresses from January through April, 2009. These records are from the White House Communications Agency.

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24-00008-P	Behind the scenes footage before President Obama began a taping session or interview	108 assets	54 assets	54 assets

The Barack Obama Presidential Library has completed the systematic processing of a segment of the White House Photo Office collection. The Barack Obama Presidential records proposed for opening include photographs from An Evening of Poetry, Music, and Spoken Word in the East Room on May 12, 2009; President Obama greeting James Earl Jones and Cecilia Jones in the Blue Room during a reception for the Ford’s Theatre Society and Lincoln Medal recipients, on June 22, 2014; and the Gala for the Re-Opening of Ford’s Theater in Washington, DC on February 11, 2009.

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